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Serious misinformation provided

Dear Editor:

It is unfortunate that MGW reported serious misinformation provided by Michael Gorman, "Homophobic developer forces venue change," on May 1. This alarmed me because I have always considered your newspaper to be of exceptional quality. The following will provide your readers with an accurate account of the events referenced in the article.

1) The facility owners are in the process of changing tenants. This requires routine upgrades and maintenance procedures that are in conflict with the 1996 FringeArts Festival schedule. This resulted in the Festival having two less venues to present arts programming.

2) The artists that were originally scheduled in these two venues were reviewed by the Festival Curatorial Team, and depending on their space, time, and equipment needs were either asked to modify their presentation in accordance with the new venue limitations or were not scheduled in this year's **Festival**

3) Neither the facility nor the venue owners were involved in artistic scheduling.

4) The Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission has a broad diversity policy, which applies to all programming and provides for maximum inclusion of all members of the public, in fact, both the Curators and the artistic programming for the 1996 FringeArts Festival are representative and inclusive of the region's diverse demograph-

I commend you for your outstanding newspaper and hope that you will publish this letter before the Festival on May 18, so that readers of MGW will have factual information concerning any artistic programming changes as they relate to the loss of two venues for the 1996 FringeArts Festi-

Sincerely, Margret Boone FringeArts Festival Curator Editor's note: The small article was furnished by Michael Gorman, a reader of MGW and the contents of the article were entirely his opinion. MGW apologizes for the inaccurate information he portrayed. MGW has always endorsed all art projects, and definitely supports the FringeArt Festival and all its activities.

Team player needed in Assembly seat

Dear Editor:

Larry Bowler for assembly is like an often seen but hardly ever used second string rookie.

As a substitute player with little going for himself he needs to know when to quit the game and cut his losses. He does nicely on the bench warming as he rails against the supposed sins of the other team. Yet his ego propels him to commit personal fouls all over the court.

Not a valuable player, Bowler needs to reexamine the \$20,000 pay cut, the free throw that he claims to have refused on behalf of the Rules Committee in order to play for the team

Maybe Bowler should find out what happened to the team "mentor program" that never got out of the locker room and his so-called "charitable contributions" which don't add up either.

Bowler could use some coaching on removing the plank from his own eye before he attacks the supposed sins of the other players.

I think we all need a player in the arena who plays by the rules. We need to see Bowler banished to the locker room where he can't hide behind meaningless rhetoric while ripping off the hardworking fans anymore!

Sincerely, Carmel L. Devine

Much thanks

Dear Editor:

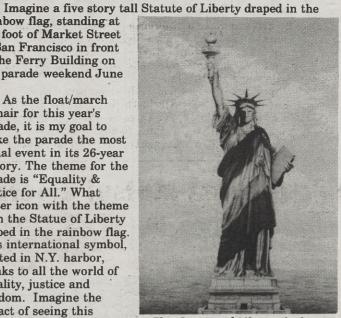
This is an open letter of appreciation for MGW/DGW and its generous and enlightened readers. Thanks to you, the Karaoke Extravaganza and Fundraiser held April 28 at Joseph's Town & Country was both a great time and a great success. Over 20 singers, \$4,000 in prizes and an untold number of cocktails added up to big fun and nearly \$900 in contributions for Positive Gourmet! Thanks again to all who attended. As you know, it's for a very good

Making a statement

Dear Editor:

rainbow flag, standing at the foot of Market Street in San Francisco in front of the Ferry Building on the parade weekend June

As the float/march cochair for this year's parade, it is my goal to make the parade the most visual event in its 26-year history. The theme for the parade is "Equality & Justice for All." What better icon with the theme than the Statue of Liberty draped in the rainbow flag. This international symbol, located in N.Y. harbor, speaks to all the world of equality, justice and freedom. Imagine the impact of seeing this strong woman figure as you and your friends head down Market Street the day of the parade. This statue will be a strong statement of pride for g/l communities in San Francisco and across the country.



The Statue of Liberty balloon will be a monumental symbol of g/l pride across the USA and the world. To help make her a reality, call 415/334-5540.

This 50' stationary cold air balloon is a scaled down exact replica of the actual statute. A similar balloon was produced for Disney and exceeded their high standard of quality. The balloon will cost over \$50,000 to fabricate and deliver to San Francisco. I believe that this statue will inflate community spirit and pride as she travels around the country over the next few years.

In San Francisco alone, she will be seen by over a half a million people. As she travels around the country, she will fill the millions who view her with great pride and perhaps bringing tears of joy to some eyes, having seen the day that we can truly be out everywhere.

Thanks for your helping in making this vision a reality.

Sincerely, James M. Reid The Rainbow Flag Project

Special thanks should also go to Joseph and his staff for hosting, emcees J.D. and Janice of Red Rose Karaoke and Fantasy Productions respectively, and the charming Wittnie who worked the door and worked it well! We would like to thank the talented performers, the local merchants and businesses that donated great prizes and everyone else whose generous efforts made this event happen. Thank you!!

Sincerely, **Positive Gourmet Food** Services

Humanity denied

Dear Editor:

While I agree with Ursala Copely in Universal City that at the chore of homophobia is sexism, I do not agree that those in our community fighting for the freedom to marry are seeking marriage rights, solely for the sake of conformity to heterosexual norms, nor do I believe that they are advocating

that all couples should get married.

A marriage contract should not be entered into lightly. The simple act of marriage triggers a long list of benefits and responsibilities and these should be considered carefully, before choosing to enter into civil marriage. What I want is to be able to make the decision to enter or not enter into a civil marriage. Currently, I do not have this choice.

The right to civil marriage is important. The denial of the right to marriage has been used over the centuries to claim that oppressed people are somehow less than human. In the past our country denied African American slaves the right to marry. Later after slavery was abolished, laws were created to prevent African Americans and Asian Americans from marrying whites. Without the freedom to marry our community is denied its humanity

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RC unveils OutVote '96 conference

s part of its drive to make a difference in federal, state and local elections in 1996, the Human Rights Campaign will hold its first national political convention — OutVote '96 — and its first Youth College for Campaign Training to equip young activists to work in political campaigns this fall.

'OutVote '96 promises to pull together major political figures, the best campaign experts in the business and HRC professionals to motivate and

train HRC members," said Elizabeth Birch, HRC's Executive Director. "The goals include helping to elect a Congress supportive of g/l equal rights;

reelecting the first president in history who has endorsed a lesbian or gay civil rights bill; and defeating anti-gay ballot initiatives."

About 2,000 of HRC's staunchest supporters are expected to attend the convention, from August 16-18 in Chicago. They will learn essential campaign skills, become educated about HRC's slate of candidates and get prepared to return home and make a difference in local, state and national elections. HRC chose Chicago because it is the heartland of America, located in a must-win state for the presidential election.

During the week leading up to OutVote '96, the Youth will train 26 young people to provide a boost to campaigns across the country and work for the defeat of anti-gay initiatives and the election of a fair-minded Congress. "After the elections, these young leaders will continue to provide vision and energy in the fight for g/l/b equal rights for years go come," Birch said.

The Youth College, also in Chicago, will include six days of workshops, teaching the essentials campaigns. From August 13-18, participants will learn about campaign management, fundraising, media use and get-out-the-vote skills. The week ends with Youth College members participating in OutVote '96.

OutVote '96 offers a weekend packed with skillsbuilding workshops to teach voter registration and get-outthe-vote techniques, including phonebanking, literature drops, canvassing and visibility. Media and fundraising training will also be a focus.

"This is a critical election year, and HRC has set forth an aggressive strategy to accomplish ambitious goals for the health and safety of all Americans after the '96 elections," Birch said.

Common sense homophobia

White House and Republican negotiators recently announced an agreement to repeal a provision that calls for a discharge from the military of all personnel with

The National Gav and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), the nation's oldest g/l civil rights organization applauded the repeal. "Reason and common sense have finally prevailed. This provision made no sense from a financial, medical, or ethical perspective. It was blatantly AIDSphobic and homophobic. We know Bob Dornan will persist in his unrelenting crusade against people with AIDS and g/l people. But we also know that no one in good conscience could continue to support such a mean-spirited and inflammatory provision. We call on the Congressional leadership to stop Rep. Dornan from reintroducing this measure and expect a strong rebuke from them if such intolerance and hatred from Rep. Dornan continue," said Melinda Paras, NGLTF executive director.

Congressman Matsui meets with CAP/PAC



Congressman Bob Matsui met with CAP/PAC members over lunch at the Firehouse Restaurant. Matsui spoke very candidly about the state of affairs in Washington, D.C. He said, "Today, I think it's possible for Democrats to take the House back, but several months ago we couldn't say that. There are several Democratic races that look very promising, they just need financial support and votes." He went on to say, "This is the most mean spirited time in the legislature. Democratic and Republican representatives don't even talk to each other! And we are seeing a lot of people retiring because they feel disillusioned, and feel the Republicans waste time in sessions. Eighty to ninety seats might change hands this November."

Power at the polls...

Groundbreaking new survey paints portrait of g/l/b vote

ow that the primary season is effectively over, the major political parties are planning election strategy. Which states and constituencies will bring victory? Which states and voters need attention? And which can be written off?

A new survey, released by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), for the first time paints a portrait of a political constituency that Democrats and Republicans ignore at their own risk.

Power at the Polls: The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Vote is based on exit polling data from the 1992 and 1994 elections. The data was originally collected by Voter News Service (VNS), a major national polling organization, and until now has remained largely untapped by the media. The report was produced by the NGLTF Policy Institute. NGLTF is a non-partisan organization. The gay vote survey is an analysis of g/l/b voter demographics, political persuasions and voting patterns. reliable picture of self-identified g/l/b voters.

"We are releasing this report at this critical time because gay issues have exploded into the 1996 presidential campaign in an unprecedented way," said John D'Emilio, NGLTF Policy Institute director and author of the report. "After a generation of coming out of the closet, g/l/b Americans are flocking to the polling booths."

See Survey on page 4

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NGLTF condemns federal anti-marriage legislation

he recent introduction of federal anti-marriage legislation drew sharp condemnation from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF)

The legislation, H.R. 3396, sponsored by Representative Bob Barr (R-GA) would create a federal definition of marriage, which would only include heterosexual couples. The Federal government would not recognize legally married samegender couples. Currently, civil same-gender marriage is not allowed anywhere in the United States. This federal legislation, like the over 30 anti-marriage measures introduced at the state level, is in anticipation of an upcoming Hawaii court decision that could legalize same-gender marriage in that . state.

NGLTF Executive Director Melinda Para made the following statement:

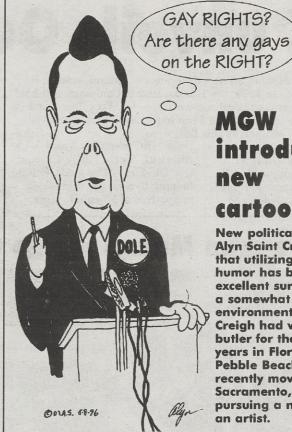
"This bill, titled 'The Defense of Marriage Act' would result in unprecedented legal discrimination against l/g couples and would short-circuit the very important debate in our country about family issues.'

"The extreme Right, armed with anti-marriage legislation, continues to attack g/l/b/t communities. While NGLTF is not surprised by this proposed legislation by Representative Barr, we are distressed that the Halls of Congress are being used once again to promote the agenda of a small band of narrow-minded extremists in this country.

election season, it has been clear that the issue of same-gender marriage would be used as a wedge issue between fairminded Americans and those who promote hatred and intolerance in this country."

"NGLTF intends to continue our work to recognize and strengthen our families and to move toward the dialogue about equal marriage rights for all Americans.

"We urge members of our community to continue their hard work to turn back samegender marriage bans at the state and now, the federal level. We call on members of Congress to turn away from this issue and to focus on the real issues and problems that face all of us."



MGW introduces cartoonist

New political cartoonist, Alyn Saint Creigh finds that utilizing a sense of humor has been an excellent survival tool in a somewhat chaotic environment. Saint Creigh had worked as a butler for the past 15 years in Florida and Pebble Beach, and recently moved to Sacramento, where he is pursuing a new career as an artist.

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Survey paints portrait of gay voters

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The VNS 1992 exit polling data is based on a nationally representative sample of 15,488 voters. The poll allowed gays, lesbians and bisexuals to identify themselves for the first time in a presidential election. Some of the major findings include:

▼ G/l/b self-identified voters constituted 3.2 percent of the total voting population in the 1992 elections.

▼ The g/l/b vote can be decisive in urbanized states. The self-identified gay vote is not evenly distributed throughout the population, but instead is heavily concentrated in cities. In towns with a population between 5,000 and 10,000 people, the self-identified vote is slightly more than one percent, while cities with populations between 250,000 and 500,000 rise to more than eight

▼ The self-identified g/l/b vote is also a younger vote, and will inevitably grow in size. "Because of the changes provoked in American life by the g/l movement, younger voters are significantly more likely to self-identify than are older voters," said D'Emilio.

▼ The g/l/b voter displays a clear

political profile. The polling data shows the gay voter leans heavily toward liberal positions on key issues. The gay voter is more likely to favor more government services and higher taxes to pay for them; downplay the importance of deficit reduction; support greater access to health care; blame government neglect rather than a

decline in moral values for social problems; believe that government should encourage tolerance of diverse value systems; and support continued legalization of abortion.

Whether voters stay home in 1996 or rush to the polls depends on several factors. Will the Democratic party actively court the gay vote, or simply take it for granted? Will the Republican Party castigate the gay community like it did in 1992? Will gay organizations succeed in their plans to coordinate massive voter registration drives, and will they be able to mobilize those voters?

'In other words, the Republican party can antagonize the gay vote, or try to neutralize

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known only intuitively — but never had statistically viable data to prove," said D'Emilio.
"There is a g/l/b vote. It is growing, it is concentrated, and it is still untapped." Info: 202/ 332-6483, ext. 3303.▼

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Returning to a busy Sacramento

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fter a two year planning stage, Mr. Flash, made it to Australia. The two week whirlwind tour was thrilling. If you can handle long flights and rough seas (at the great barrier reef) you will love the down under..... ▼ There is still time to reserve a seat at the premiere event of the year. The annual CAPPAC dinner is June 1. The event speaks for itself Going back a couple of months, this is worth the mention. It seems that Paul Curtis was having a great time cruising this cowboy dude at Faces. After about five minutes, he meandered over to the corner of the room only to find a life size cardboard cutout. It seems that Paul's friend caught on to his cardboard infatuation a bit before Paul realized it himself. Paul is now in therapy trying to sort out how he could make eye contact and fall in love with a piece of cardboard. ▼ The first annual Garden and Yard Tour is June 16 (Fathers Day). What a perfect gift for dad, you know how he likes to talk about cars and cutting the lawn! This is a SAGA V bowling benefit. There are 10 hours on the tour in Land Park and East Sacramento. Please call Eric at 453-1918 for more information ▼ The couple keeping a high profile in town are Rand Martin and Aaron Carr. Not only did they take the front row at Tim Miller's one man play Fruit Cocktail. But Miller ended up sitting in Aaron's lap at one point in the play, oh and Miller by the way wasn't wearing any thing at the time (zilch - naked!). From the UC Davis theater we moved to the CSUS theater where Carr is starring in Fool for Love (break a leg) and finally we want to congratulate both Rand and Aaron on their one year anniversary ▼ Belated April birthdays to Norman Lorenz, Jay Henry, Michael Fuhr, Steve 'Stacey' (of Faces), yours truly and Cheree Johnson, Rosemary Metrailer, Jan Stonebreaker, Lynne Ohlson. ▼ Happy May Birthdays to Pete Combs, Rick Corell, Dr. Scott Christensen, Gary Coates, Jeff Byers, Pete Pavey, Dana McKee, and Jennifer Birner ▼ And speaking of the birthday boys, Jay Henry and Gary Coates, These two have

Lambda Letters auction falls short of goal



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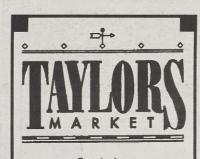
The Lambda Letters Project helds its eighth annual auction on Sunday, May 5 at Faces, and was led by guest auctioneers Mark Hoffman, of Sports Leisure Travel, and Marghe Covino. Attendance at the event was lighter than in previous years. Boyce Hinman, Administrator of the Lambda Letters Project, attributed the light turnout to the exceptionally good weather, and the fact that there were a number of competing events the same afternoon. As a result, the auction took in slightly less than \$1,000. In the past, \$1,500 has been the typical income for the event. Donation checks may be made out to The Lambda Letters Project and sent to 6212 Silverton Way, Carmichael, 95608. Unfortunately, because the project lobbies, contributions are not tax deductible. Info: 965-6851.

finally received their green cards and they are moving back to Sacramento from Rocklin. Its rumored that the mayor is offering them the key to the city. Welcome Home Also speaking of birthdays, Brian 'Peg Bundy' Lew had a nice birthday BBQ at Chuck Poppy's house in Curtis Park. Brian's new beau was there and he is even more quiet than Brian (yet quiet handsome). Best wishes Peg ▼ Happy 16th anniversary to Pete Walsh and Jim Fitzpatrick. Equally happy celebrating five years are James Ozanich and Russ Marsh ▼ Sincere get well wishes to John David Klingensmith after his recent surgery. Now its time to join a health club or at least a walking club. Keep smiling ▼ SACWN is hosting a Spring Hop on May 18 with Jammin' Jo. With 750 CD's there should be something for everyone VKudos to Wayne Randall on his recent television news appearance. My good buddy has had miraculous results from a new AIDS therapy. We all hope the 'numbers' keep getting higher

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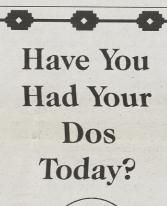
and the Dance-O-Rama were very successful. More details to come in a later edition of FLASH ▼ Take time to ponder and reflect at the AIDS Candlelight Vigil on May 19th. This powerful event is in Land Park by the pond ▼ Once again thanks for your patience with my sporadic writing, Enjoy all the celebrations in June.....



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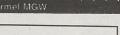
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reviewed by Douglas Halloran MGW/Staff

The Gay Guy's Guide to Life, by Ken Hanes, Simon

hat a campy, festive little romp of a book this was supposed to be. Author Ken Hanes has written "463 Maxims, Manners, and Mottoes for the Gay Nineties", and the book is the cutest size — one of those little "daily affirmation" books that are supposed to



reside on your coffee table when you need a pick-me-up. About a quarter of the way through the book, the reader begins to recognize that this author is serious; he truly feels that this book is "...always life-affirming....an eminently doable gem of wisdom for leading a strong and fulfilling gay life in the nineties."

What are these gems of wisdom that the author feels no gay man should be without? Let me share some with you:

(98) Learn First Aid.

(133) Introduce your friends to one another. Build a commu-

ity.
(304) Leave your man surprise goodies in the fridge.

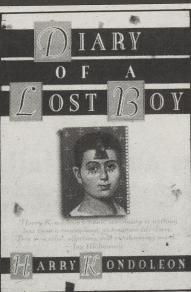
(353) Moisturize.

(410) Shop at malls as a last resort.

Is there really a gay man in America that needs an instruction book to tell him about these startling secrets to gay life? The book takes on the tone of those "Total Women" books of the eighties that advised women to wrap themselves in Saran Wrap to greet their husbands at the door.

A "doable gem of wisdom" of my own:

(1) Take the \$6.95 you were going to spend on this book and go to the movies. \blacksquare



The nature of relationships

reviewed by Rykk Wollam MGW/Staff

Diary of a Lost Boy, Harry Kondolean, Riverhead Books, 1993, 211 pages, \$10.

Set in contemporary New York, Hector Diaz reveals the nature of relationships and the process of living with AIDS. His two best friends, the Deds, are a married straight couple who are committed to supporting him. However, the Deds are dealing in their own way the reality of a sexually promiscuous husband.

Diary is both humorous and serious. The unsuccessful dinner parties, death of friends, and search for detachment force the reader to understand the process of surviving AIDS and relationships.

The perfect gift

reviewed by Jane Dwinell MGW/Staff

A More Perfect Union: Why Straight America Must Stand Up for Gay Rights, by Richard D. Mohr, Boston: Beacon Press, 1994.

Looking for a perfect gift for your friend, relative or business associate that has everything? A copy of A More Perfect Union may be in order. Richard Mohr has provided us with this provocative little book designed to convince all of America that we are here, we're not going away, we have rights, and straight America is only hurting themselves by denying these important facts. Put this book in everyone's stocking next year.

Let something happen

reviewed by Cynthia West MGW/Staff

nyone who has ever felt' the sting of rejection simply for being himself or herself will find a kindred soul in Edle Henriksen, the lonely diarist in Ebba Haslund's Nothing Happened (translated from Norwegian by Barbara Wilson).

This book, written in 1948 but not translated until 1987, gives a first-person view of the pain of being different, and of being aware of one's differentness. Set in German-

occupied Norway, it consists of Edle's regretful reminiscences brought on by an encounter with a former high school classmate.

It is hard to like Edle; she seems almost determined to hate herself and to accept only pity from others. Her bitterness at the mundane way her life has turned out seems too severe, until gradually she stops spewing venom and genuinely examines her life.

This is a hard book to read, but hard to put down. The underlying message of truth to self is hard to miss, and the urgency of that message impossible to deny. Be who you are, and do it today. Tomorrow may be too late.

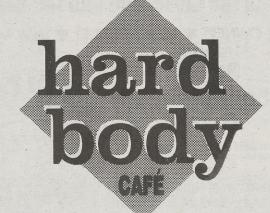




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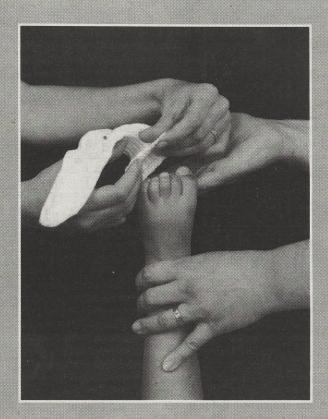


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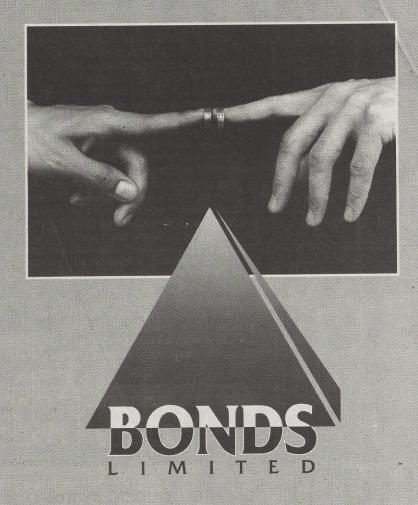
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MEDIA WATCH

by Al Kielwasser GLAAD/SFBA

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The American Family
Association has also launched a
new postcard campaign, targeting National Public Radio
(NPR). In a recent mass mailing, the AFA condemns NPR's
broadcast of a commentary by
author Andrei Codrescu, in
which he challenged the rationality of fundamentalist belief
systems.

The AFA "Action! Page" states: "We must let [NPR president Delano Lewis] know he hold him PERSONALLY ACCOUNTABLE for the anti-Christian bigotry which he allows to be broadcast over NPR. If Mr. Lewis fails to meet our demands to FIRE Codrescuand BAR him from further work with NPR, then this will prove that NPR finds Mr. Codrescu's anti-Christian bigotry totally acceptable."

Pre-printed AFA postcards conveniently target Lewis, as well as the sender's Congressional representative. The message states, in part: "I do not want my tax dollars funding anti-Christian bigotry on NPR. Why does Congress continue to provide millions of tax dollars to support this kind of bigotry?"

Contact: Delano Lewis, President, National Public Radio, 635 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20001-3753, 202/414-2000, URL http:// butterfly.net/NRP/; U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515, 202/224-3121, URL http://www.house.gov/.

Web watch...

*ACT UP New York has announced "it's entry to the Web," with a site that features ACT UP history, current action alerts, and links to other chapters in the U.S. and Paris (http://www.actupny.org).▼

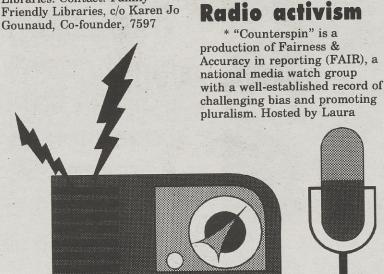
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Attorneys (NC-GALA) have put
the full text of their "Legal
Guide" on the Web, "for use by
gays and lesbians who have
general questions on legal
matters." (http://
members.aol.com/ncgala/). *\P

* Footage.net is a video and transcription archive of TV/ radio news broadcasts from the early 1900's to the present (http://www.footage.net).

Reading and righting

Library Advocacy Power Tools, is a booklet for grassroots citizen advocates, published by Libraries for the Future. LFF also produces a quarterly "Update" and regular "Action Alerts." Info: Libraries for the Future, 521 5th Ave., #1612, New York, NY 10175-1699, 212/ 682-7446. Additional info: American Library Association's G/L Task Force (e-mail gail.defendorf@mvs.udel.edu) and the National Coalition Against Censorship (275 7th Ave., New York, NY 10001, 212/ 807-NCAC, fax 212/807-6245, email ncac@netcom.com).

* Library advocacy requires constant vigilance, as there is no shortage of effort to keep queer books OFF the shelves. Titles intended for young readers, such as *Heather Has Two Mommies* or *Athletic Shorts*, are especially vulnerable. Among the organizations leading the drive to ban books and promote homophobia is Family Friendly Libraries. Contact: Family Friendly Libraries, c/o Karen Jo Gounaud. Co-founder, 7597



Whisperwood Ct., Springfield, VA 22153, 703/440-9419.▼

Newsletter news

A "Gender and Communication Newsletter," distributed periodically by a section of the International Association of Mass Communication Research (IAMCR), provides global announcements and research summaries involving women/gender and the media. Info: Liesbet van Zoonen, Dept. of Communication, University of

Flanders and Janine Jackson, this radio series offers a weekly, half-hour dose of "hard-hitting media criticism." Refer interested station managers to: Sam Husseini, FAIR, 130 West 25th St., New York, NY 10001, 212/633-6700, fax 212/727-7668, URL http://www.fair.org/fair/.

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* "Alternative Radio" is a progressive interview/commentary series; previous guests have included such social critics as: Noam Chomsky, Barbara Ehrenreich, and Ben Bagdikian. The program is free to stations

wishing to carry it. For a tape catalog and more info: David Barsamian, "Alternative Radio," 2129 Mapleton, Boulder, CO 80304, 800/444-1977.▼

* "Making Contact" is a nationwide, progressive radio program designed to "give listeners information they need to take action." Past programs have addressed hate radio, the religious right," and homophobia in America; the series is available free to all public radio stations. Info: "Making Contact," National Radio Project, 830 Los Trancos Rd., Portola Valley, 94028, 415/851-7256, fax 415/851-851-0731, e-mail: contact@igc.apc.org.

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* "This Way Out" is a weekly, news magazine series, described as "the only surviving nationally distributed gay radio program in the country." A project of Overnight Productions, this series can indeed do what radio does so well - reach "way out." The program recently received a letter from a 17-year-old gay listener in "a tiny Midwest town," who wrote: "I get teased a lot at high school. Two weeks ago I was beaten by a bunch of rednecks yelling, 'die you fucking faggot, die.,' and other vile remarks. But I am alive ... At first I thought I was alone ... Now I tune into KOPN 89.5 FM and I hear news that affects me. It's like finding an oasis in the middle of the desert ... The only things for gays here are the highway to leave this hellhole and 'This Way Out.'" Info: "This Way Out," Box 38327, Los Angeles, 90038, 213/874-0874, e-mail: tworadio@aol.com.

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Daddy's roommate wears a veil

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s we wrap up the 95/96 television season, it's time for my annual Top Ten Sexiest Guys on TV list. If one of your favorites doesn't appear, just consider him one of the many runner-ups and for you ladies, well... a... Jane Seymour has nicely plucked eyebrows. Here goes. The Top Ten are... David Duchovny of The X-Files, Sean Wayans of The Wayans Brothers, George Clooney of E.R., Jason Gedrick of Murder One, Kyle Secor of Homicide, Life on the Street, Joey Lawrence of Brotherly Love, Mark Frankel of Kindred: The Embraced, David Schwimmer of Friends, Dean Cain of Lois & Clark, and at the top of the list is... Shamar Moore of The Young and the Restless.

From Michael Willhoite. the author of Daddy's Roommate comes a sequel story book called Daddy's Wedding. Though this isn't Willhoite's first book since Daddy's Roommate, his most recent effort was called Uncle What-Is-It Is Coming To Visit, which explored Children's perceptions of gay stereotypes. While *Daddy's* Roommate is often found on religious right lists of books to ban from school libraries, its author received a superb compliment when N.Y. City school board member David Nalley took his oath of office with a hand over copies of 'Daddy's Roommate' and 'Heather Has Two Mommies'.

Martina fans, listen up. If you take your heads out of her latest book long enough, you can catch Navratilova, Billie Jean King and Mary Carillo as the first all-female broadcasting team in history to call men's tennis at the upcoming Wimbledon tennis tournaments. Frank Gifford, eat your heart

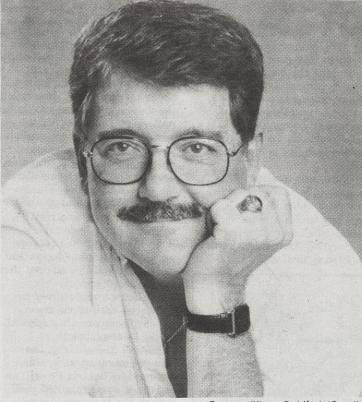
New on Elektra records is the debut CD from Nancyboy that features the sons of former 60s rock star Donovan and former Monkees drummer Michael Nesmith. For those unfamiliar with the name, Nancyboy is British slang for queer. ▼▼▼ Did you hear the news that the remaining ashes of Grateful Dead guitarist Jerry Garcia were recently scattered on the waters beneath the Golden Gate Bridge? Did you also hear that 187 stonned dolphins washed ashore the next day? Just wondering.

Cross-over appeal could be the reason Gay cartoonist Donelan, has agreed to illustrate a new book aimed at



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revolutionizing modern medical transcription by S.F. author and internet businessman George Heymont. ▼▼▼ A new commercial and music video production company has signed cutting-edge directors Gregg Araki (The Living End) and Barry Shils (Wigstock) to direct innovative new TV ads. I want to see Gregg do one with Sally Struthers promoting the Butt Master. VVV Nathan Lane (The Birdcage) is set to host this year's Tony Awards. Lets hope he changes his dress at least as often as previous host Angela Lansbury did.

One time blaxploitation film queen Pam Grier will play a transvestite opposite Kurt Russell in the upcoming film John Carpenter's Escape From L.A. ▼▼▼ Marilyn Monroe fans are in for a treat when Oscar winner Mira Sorvino plays the screen goddess in the HBO original film Norma Jean and Marilyn premiering on May

Among the Gay treats at the just concluded San Francisco Film Festival were Vintage -Families of Value, a look at 3 African American families as seen by lesbian and gay siblings, Before You Go: A Daughter's Diary, a teenager's documentary

look at her gay father who died of AIDS and The Written Face, Daniel Schmid's view of kabuki theatre and the art of the "onnagata' the male actor who plays female roles. In America we call it "Drag Queen".

If your looking for an expensive, South of France getaway with lots of attitude consider The Festival International du Film in Cannes, May 15 through the 26th. Among the works on exhibit are Basquiat starring David Bowie and Gary Oldman (Prick Up Your Ears) and Marvin's Room based on Scott McPherson's play starring Leonardo DiCaprio (Total Eclipse), Meryl Streep and Gwen Verdon.

DiCaprio will also star in the modern updating of Romeo and Juliet with Clare Danes (My So Called Life) and John Leguizamo (To Wong Foo, Thanks For Everything, Julie Newmar). Another Shakespeare work with a bigname cast is also on the way. It's yet another remake of Hamlet starring Robin Williams (The Birdcage), Derek Jacobi, Kenneth Brannagh, Brian Blessed, Jack Lemmon and Oscar nominee Kate Winslet. Brannagh handles the script as well as sits in the director's chair. Alas, poor Yorick, I'm bored with him Horatio!

Word has it that Jodie Foster's production company is developing a film version of Jan Anderson's play The Baby Dance. Anderson will write the script and Foster may direct this lesbian love story. London's Bush Theatre opened Samuel Adamson's play Clocks and Whistles in April. The play's lead character is Henry, an introverted Gay man who, early on, hires a hooker to explore any of his own potential heterosexual inclinations. Henry falls for bisexual friend Trevor but their future together is jeopardized by best friend and successful actress Anne.

A sequel to the hit German film 'Der Bewegte Mann', has just wrapped in Berlin. The film, Das Kondoms des Grauens, which in English translates to The Condom of Fear is based on a series of adult comic books by Ralf Koenig. Featuring a script co-written by Koenig, the movie is a bizare comedy about a female religious extremist who despises Gay men and devises a castrating condom in hope of ridding the world of homosexuals. Two New York detectives, one Gay and one straight, set out to stop her fiendish plot.

Sacramento PBS station KVIE will air dancer/choreographer Bill T. Jones production

of Still/Here: And Alive TV Special. Jones, who is living with HIV, describes the production as one which shares the message that whether one is healthy or ill, life is still pre-**▼▼▼** The capitol city's Lambda Players will dust off Matt Crowley's The Boys in the Band for a May 31 - July 6 production, 916-442-7752.

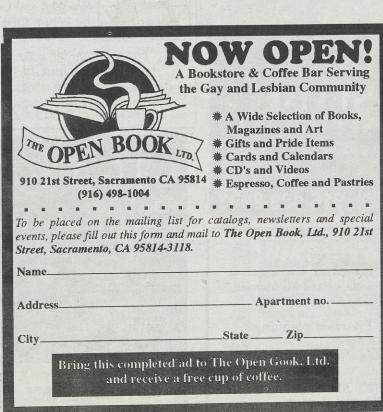
▼▼▼ The 2nd Annual San Joaquin AIDS Walk starts at 9am in Stockton in Oak Park on May 19th, 209-948-9255.▼

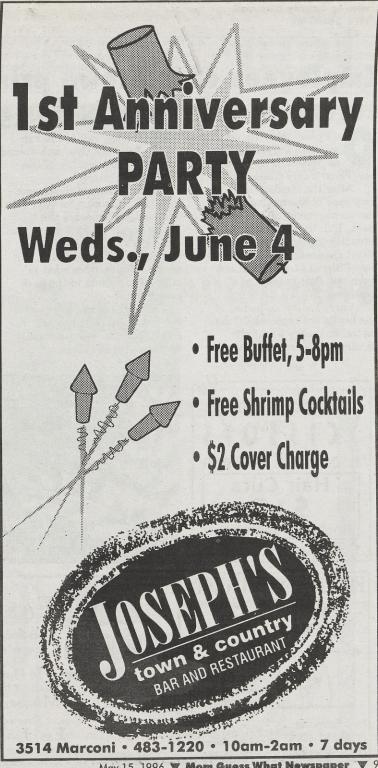
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"I don't want a funeral. I want to be wrapped in plastic and thrown in the trash can — once they are sure I'm dead."

Quentin Crisp







Health care worker loses discrimination suit

by Arlyne Jones MGW/Staff

tephan Pardi is an intelligent man, a respiratory therapist, who handled, with the advice of an attorney, his own legal brief for discrimination. His attorney said that, had he been a law student, his brief would have earned him a B+

Still, it didn't help him. The court ruled against him in a discrimination suit against Roseville Hospital, which barred him from working there.

Working for a registry and then labelled as a "do not send," is a scarlet letter for medical personnel. Without proving anything, the hospital sullies professional reputation of a practitioner, and shrugs off accusations of libel by saying, "It's not a judgement; it's just

our policy. He's not our employee." No real cause is the necessary. Registries, which are notorious for using and discarding temporary personnel, take no responsibility for protecting that employee and for serving, in the most obsequious manner possible, their hospital contracts. They are not interested in questions of right or wrong, fairness, or discrimination.

The worker is left out on a limb. He is supported neither by the institution in a fair-minded way, nor by his agency.

In Pardi's case, both the agency and the hospital benefited by shrugging him off. The agency continued its contract, and the hospital washed its hands of any wrongdoing. It is a perfect solution for employers to avoid culpability in employee

Pardi was made a "DNS" because he failed to follow the chain of command. This, according to Pardi, is a pretextual claim on the part of the hospital. An incident report was filed against him by two

nurses, who said that in evaluating a patient, he had bypassed their authority and reported the matter to the doctor. Pardi states he reported the issue to the nurse, and then then called the doctor, which was within his professional purview.

Although he never made it a point to assert his gayness at every opportunity, he also didn't deny it, and spoke freely about his related activities. These included writing and participating in gay rights, and HIV activism. Pardi feels that Roseville Hospital employees were negative toward gays and gay issues, and this colored their feeling about him.

When an opportunity presented itself to rid themselves of someone they felt did not fit in, they took it.

A call to Joel Grey, the hospital administrator, was returned by Beatrix Powell, an assistant, who explained that though Mr. Grey could not return the call to MGW, she would do her best to help.

She stated, first and foremost, that Roseville Hospital's policy is to provide a safe and supportive atmosphere to all of its employees and registry workers.

When asked if it was possible to root out subtle forms of discrimination that might occur on an individual basis, Powell conceded that it was impossible to know every individual attitude that occurred in employees' minds, but that in a broad sense, they certainly opposed it.

That seems to be the crux of

the matter. While the hospital certainly doesn't want to discriminate against anyone, it cannot prevent individual employees from doing it and managing, through office politics, to get rid of individuals who don't ascribe to their point

Employee law is in its infancy. Although unions are becoming active once again, the past 16 years of employee repression, have taken their toll. In the medical field, activism is at an all time low. Primarily staffed by women, and run by male dominated corporations, employees watch their backs, and use informal networking strategies to protect themselves. They don't dare challenge the institutions, even if they did know how.

Where does this leave the marginal person, the outsider, who has no political affiliations with the group? He cannot seek protection through common ground, because he does not represent that common ground. And his support system will be weak, because even those who favor him, cannot speak out for an oppressed group in a biased atmosphere.

The result is an honorable person, who has lost face, and employment, and who cannot get validated through the

Asked if there were any openly gay employees that could be interviewed to discover their experience at Roseville, Powell stated that she didn't know of

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House ligison addresses LIFE Lobby

LIFE Lobby, California's lesbian, gay and AIDS lobby held a legislative reception on May 6, the 6th Annual Statewide AIDS Lobby Day. The reception was held at the Senator Hotel, and featured Senate Pro Tempore Bill Lockyer, and Bob Hattoy (right), White House Liaison to the Department of Interior, who is openly gay and HIV positive.



MGW/Jake

Employees of midtown printing firm refuse to print copies for g/l bookstore

n Friday, May 10, employees of Sierra Copy refused to run copies of a flyer for The Open Book, Ltd. The flyer announced an upcoming appearance by Andrew Collins, author of the new Fodor's Gay Guide To The USA at the bookstore

After the incident, an employee of Sierra Copy went to the management of The Open Book, Ltd. to explain the situation saying "she was sorry about the incident and employees of Sierra Copy should not have said that in front of a customer."

Larry Bailey, co-owner of the bookstore responded "that he too was sorry about the incident but it appeared that

Sierra Copy should have some sensitivity training for its employees. It appears the problem goes much deeper than what the employees said to a customer, but the problem seems to come from what is allowed to be said in the back

The Sierra employee, who refused to make the copies, did go the bookstore to personally apologize for his remarks,

stating that he refused to make the copies because he "was a Christian.'

Bailey pointed out that many gays were Christian and there were many interpretations of the Bible. "The Open Book, Ltd. does want to work with other businesses and would be willing to talk to the owners and employees of Sierra Copy about the issues involved and work with them to resolve these discriminatory and human right issues," Bailey said.▼

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California AIDS Ride 3 to raise more than \$6 million in fight against AIDS

alifornia AIDS Ride 3 presented by Tanqueray benefits the L.A. Gay and Lesbian Center and the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. More than 2,000 bicyclists will participate in the 525-mile ride from San Francisco to Los Angeles from June 2-8. It's the adventure of a lifetime and a life-changing experience both for

the riders and for those using the HIV/AIDS services made possible by the Ride. In its twoyear history, the Ride has raised over \$7.1 million. This year alone, the riders will raise more than \$6 million.

"When he decided to hold the first AIDs Ride in 1994, we never dreamed that grandmothers would be riding alongside gay men in advanced stages of AIDS — all in an effort to raise money to fight this disease,' said Lorri L. Jean, Executive Director of the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center. "That kind of participation, plus the support of people like L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan and actress Judith Light, has saved lives by funding our prevention and education efforts and has helped extend the lives of people living with HIV disease.'

"This event is important not just because of the money the riders raise for AIDS services, but because of the commitment they demonstrate to the continuation of services

o Los Angeles from June 2-8. It's te-changing experience both for for people living with HIV disease," added Pat Christen, Executive Director of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. "I am deeply touched by the dedication of those who partici-

pate in the California AIDS Ride 3, and am grateful that they make it possible to confront the challenges of this epidemic."
California AIDS Ride 3 is a bicycle ride, not a race. Each rider will travel at their own pace down the scenic coast of

California from San Francisco to Los Angeles. Many of the riders are riding in memory of friends and loved ones they have lost to AIDS. The route is serene and beautiful, taking rides through some of the most picturesque areas in California.

The Ride is fully supported with catered hot meals, five daily water and snack stops, hot showers, comprehensive medical and mechanical services, and tents for camping. The AIDS Ride "mobile city," which supports not only the 2,000 bicyclists but also the hundreds

of volunteers that make the Ride possible, includes 110 support vehicles and 1,000 tents. The "mobile city" travels with the riders and is erected every day before the riders

arrive at camp and torn down every morning after the riders depart for their day's journey.

Brochures and registration forms are available for riders as well as for the hundreds of volunteers who will be needed to support the Ride. Info: 800/825-1000, 213/874-7474, or 415/908-0400; website: http://www.AIDSRide.org.▼

Gay and Lesbian Sierrans organize



Over 40 gays and lesbians gathered to form a conservation and outings section of the local Motherlode Chapter of the Sierra Club. Sacramento will join a list of established Gay and Lesbian Sierrans (GLS) activity sections throughout California and other states. The first meeting featured a potluck and a colorful slide show of past outdoor adventures. Four special interest groups were formed: Outings [hiking, skiing, etc.], Planning, Conservation and Publicity. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 30 from 6-8:30pm. Info:

Lambda Freedom Fair set for June 8

he 1996 Lambda Freedom Fair is scheduled for Saturday, June 8, on the grounds of the State Capitol. The Freedom Fair, in its 11th season, is expected to attract upwards of 10,000 attendees, consisting of a diverse crowd of professionals, students, singles, couples and families from all over California.

The Lambda Freedom Fair, the longest running project of the Lambda Community Fund, traces its origin back to the 1979 Sacramento Gay Parade. Over the years, local g/l pride celebrations have taken on several forms, but they have all commemorated the Stonewall riot of 1996 in Greenwich Village, where gay men and lesbians reacted to a police raid of the Stonewall Inn, marking the birth of the gay liberation movement.

The Lambda Freedom Fair Committee, a volunteer group throughout the year to provide publicity, facilities, entertainment, and logistical support for this event. The Freedom Fair seeks to attract vendors from all over California who want exposures to the tremendous purchasing power of the g/l/b community. Also in attendance are community-based organizations that provide information about their services and encourage people to become more informed about themselves, their community, and their environment, as well as great entertainment, food, refreshments and a festival atmosphere. The Lambda Freedom Fair is an event that is organized with the goal of bringing the diversity of our community together in a positive way.

The Fair site, encompassing more than two acres, will include two stage areas for entertainment, an Artist's colony for the displaying of original art, an Author's table for book signings and readings, a vendor area, and a dance area. Both local and nationally-known entertainment as well as renowned authors and poets will be featured.

The Fair is the primary fundraising for the Lambda Community Fund, the greater Sacramento area's resource for g/l/bissues. A nonprofit corporation, the fund houses a variety of programs and services for the community including: HIV/AIDS Education and Prevention for Youth, Lambda AIDS Project, Lambda Players, Health Education and Awareness for Lesbians, Phone Referral Services, and several social and special interest groups.

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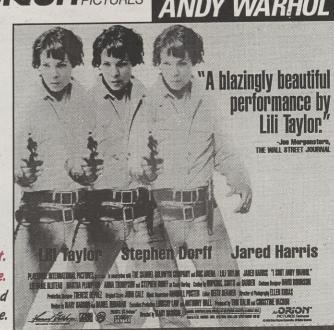
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charming search for goldfish

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The White Balloon. Directed by Jafar Panahi. Starring Aïda Mohammadkhani and Mohsen Kalifi. (In Farsi with English subtitles.)

he best children's films are the ones that adults can enjoy too. This ensures that kids won't be talked down to, and that the movie will likely depict believable situations and characters worth caring about and discussing long after the film is over.

Jafar Panahi's The White Balloon, winner of the Camera d'Or at the 1995 Cannes Film Festival, is just such a movie. While showing an ostensibly simple story, it reveals much more complexity about Iranian life than most news reports

Razieh (Mohammadkhani) is a seven-year-old girl who wants nothing more in the world than a specific large-finned goldfish for her family's New Year celebration. The problem is that her mother is saving her money for other presents.

After much whining, Razieh gets what she wants: money to buy the fish. Unfortunately, all her mother has is a 500-tomans note, which is worth about a day's income. Aside from being careful not to lose it, she has to be sure to bring home the

Razieh's trek to the Tehran marketplace is met with some impediments which require her to implore for help from some

kind-hearted adults. She's lost her money and she must find it. Watching her ask for and receive competent help is not only charming, but a welcome alternative to the distrust most movies place in strangers, especially when a child is involved.

Indeed, this director's first feature film plays with our fears of strangers. Sure, there's a kindly old woman who helps Razieh retrace her steps to where she might have lost her money, but there's also a curious soldier whose motivations are hard to figure out. Although Razieh can seemingly hold her own against strangers' advances, can she prevent them from stealing her money once it's found?

Razieh's brother, Ali (Kalifi), helps her too, though in an understandably big-brotherly way: she's carelessly gotten herself into trouble and he has to save both their hides from their parents' inevitable wrath.



Razieh (Aïda Mohammadkhani) is adamant about buying this particular goldfish in Jafar Panahi's The White Balloon.

The White Balloon is not only interesting for its story, but for the bustling, diverse life of Tehran that it depicts. Although Razieh's family is typically Tehrani, she encounters a Turkish shirtmaker, a soldier from the north who speaks with a perplexing (for her) accent, nomadic snake charmers from who knows where, a boy with bright red hair who collects

goldfish to sell, an old lady with blond hair and blue eyes who comes from the minority of Polish emigres in Iran (they fled there during World War II), and an Afghan boy with an Asian appearance who sells balloons. In other words, diverse cultures, languages, and customs inhabit her world every day.

It's also notable that this film takes a girl's perspective.

Children's films are a popular Iranian genre, but usually boys are the protagonists. Here we see a girl who has charm and determination to follow her desires. She's naive, but she's not gullible. She's a role model for any child, in any culture.

The White Balloon plays at Landmark's Tower Theater.

Sketch comedy opens at The Studio Theatre



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Phoney friendships

reviewed by Stefan Grünwedel MGW/Staff

Denise Calls Up. A film by Hal Salwen. Starring Alanna Ubach, Tim Daly, Caroleen Feeney, Dan Gunther. (80 min.)

elephones may allow your fingers to do the walking, but they don't substitute for genuine personal interaction, the kind that comes in the flesh. On the surface, Hal Salwen's Denise Calls Up seems like a comedy about self-absorbed yuppies. But deeper down is a lesson about the importance of human interaction, genuine friendship, and the reaching out and loving.

Frank, Barbara, Martin, Gale, Jerry, and Linda form a group of urban professionals who spend so much of their time working (at their home offices) that over the years they never find time in their schedules to meet each other. Worse, they seem to go out of their way to avoid contact; the phone seems a more manageable way to stay in contact.

Their flakiness is established early in the film, as they create all sorts of excuses to explain their behavior. Because each one thinks s/he has no time to attend a party that one of them hosts, no one shows up!

Their isolationism is pathologi-

One day outsider Denise (Ubach) calls Martin (Gunther) to thank him for donating anonymously to a sperm bank she visited to get pregnant. From that point on, she introduces an enriching energy that changes his outlook on life and comes close to changing the others as well.

To make the actors feel as isolated from each other as their characters are, director Salwen insisted that they never rehearse together, except perhaps over the phone. During shooting, the group almost never met;

Coming Attractions

stagehands read the other characters' lines to them. It is Salwen's masterful editing, then, that ties the film together so successfully.

This is a "talky" film, but there's enough engaging banter among the characters to carry the film along. Although most are relative unknowns (Ubach last played Marcia's lesbian schoolfriend Noreen in The Brady Bunch Movie), their characterizations and timing work well and seem more natural than not.

Denise Calls Up is ostensibly a comedy. While some aspects of the characters' lives are exaggerated, there's an underlying truth in their behavior towards each other that may resonate with many readers Jo you have callwaiting? Do you carry a phone around with you? Do you chat for hours with friends across town rather than meet with them in person because "there's no time"? Do you e-mail or fax rather than call?

The answers to these and other questions is yes for a large part of society. Salwen is not anti-technology. "I see the film as a lesson in self-awareness,' he says. "We tend to take for granted how dependent we've become on technology, at the loss of our own humanity."

For most of the characters in this film, they have lost it indeed. Even a death, birth, a New Year's celebration, or the promise of sex cannot bring them together. They remain lost in their own planning schedules-too busy to have a life, too scared to make their lives meaningful.

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Michael Feinstein dazzles Sacramento

by Francine Bradley MGW/Staff

lthough Michael Feinstein is known as the archivist of Ira Gershwin's music he began his Sacramento concert with Cole Porters 'Anything Goes' and indeed it did. The program contained selections from, and reflections of numerous American composers and lyricists, a good amount of story telling, and a surprising number of quips delivered in the voice of Paul Lynde

tribute came with 'Is it a Pity'. This is the song that, according to Feinstein's 1995 book, Nice Work, contains some of Gershwin's wittiest and best rhymes. An example being his rhyming of sour with schopenhauer. The first set ended with 'How About You'. Feinstein then responded to part of his introduction for the evening, it had been rumored that he had been with the Clinton's the night before, and the Sacramento audience responded in a most positive manner when the performer thanked Governor Wilson for NOT being there.

Feinstein passionately interpreted Berlins 'Alexander's Ragtime Band' and upon finishing the song took his applause on one knee, ala Al Jolson. While Feinstein is dedicated to preserving the rich content of one era of American

The evenings first Gershwin music, he has no problem in performing the same era's corner piece's. He led the audience in a sing a long of 'Lydia the Tattoo Lady'. Gershwin was said to have no use for singers who would change pronouns to allow for a singer to croon a love song to someone of the same gender. Feinstein however suffers no such qualms and did such a rendition of one balled from his "live at the Algonquin' album. The evenings program included pieces from the "The Wizard of Oz' and 'Hello Dolly'. Apologetic that he could not find the words to 'Sacramento' Feinstein did delight the crowd with geo-graphic gem 'When its Sweet Onion Time in Bermuda'. Gershwin followers in the audience were invited to shout out their requests at one point in the evening and were rewarded with renditions of 'Love Walked In', Embraceable You',



Michael Feinstein greets guests at a reception following his concert which benefited local AIDS organizations, while Dennis Mangers looks on.

'Summertime', 'Liza' and 'Someone to Watch Over Me'.

After two solid hours of preforming, Feinstein obliged the audience with an encore. Following a snappy 'We're in the Money' and his current signature song "Nice Work If You Can Get It'. The tempo was

slowed, a gentle lullaby was dedicated to CARES, the center for Aids Research, Education and Services.

This splendid evening of American musical classics was possible due to Feinstein generous donation of his time and talent. Dennis Mangers and Ted Ross deserve the credit for convincing the artist to appear in a benefit concert here in Sacramento. In 1928 Irving Berlin wrote 'Let Me Sing and I'm Happy'. Certainly our community was blessed and happy to have Feinstien sing and play in Sacramento.

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SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Conversion ministries growing

by Barb Chandler Guest Writer

ecently there has been increasing attention to support groups that promote change from homosexual to heterosexual behavior. These ex-g/l ministries have been around for years, however, with the advent of 'the moral majority', 'traditional family values', and other values promoted by the religious

right, they have become much

more widespread. In attending a testimonial given by an ex-lesbian the following story unfolded; Her story was entwined with the familiar assumptions that those who are anti-gay/lesbian pronounce with undaunting authority. This women said that she came from a dysfunctional home. Her mother was an alcoholic and, her father sexually abused her. She became very depressed, and was suicidal. Her sister, who was lesbian, suggested that she visit a gay/lesbian bar. She did, and liked it. To be 'in' with the crowd, she cut her hair short, bought a motorcycle and a pickup, donned leather apparel, and thus made her entrance into the bar scene. She turned to drugs and alcohol, went through many relationships, and hit bottom. She begin a relationship with a woman who would turn her life around. Both of them decided that they needed to turn to God for help since hey felt that their lesbianism was at the root of their depression. They begin to go to church, and found a support group that nade the claim to heal people of heir homosexuality. They went, and made the choice to stop being sexual with one another. They wanted to maintain their emotional relationship, and continue to live together. However, a woman from the support group told them that hey needed to live separately. They both decided that this was or the best, and, after a tearful goodbye they separated. She aid that she has attended to a hurch-sponsored support group, and was 'in recovery'

speaker said that her 'recovery from lesbianism' is a constant struggle, which she maintains by continuing to go to 'counseling', praying for God to heal her of her lesbianism, and removing herself from temptation.

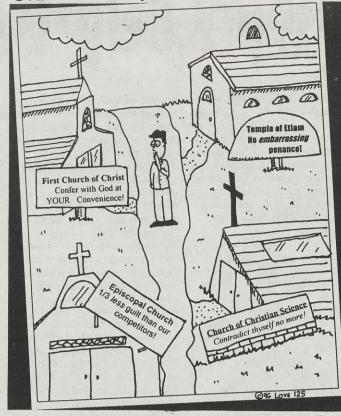
This testimonial was to have quite an emotional impact upon this writer. Actually encountering a person face to face who believes her lesbianism is evil, and is a 'continual struggle', was a definite trigger for personal emotions. It was saddening to see that people who are anti-gay/lesbian find it necessary to project their distaste upon others, and claim that their way is the only moral way. There was the question of how the talk would impact those people who may be struggling with personal issues regarding homosexuality. Would they be vulnerable to 'conversion' groups. Instead, there was hope that they could reconcile their homosexuality with their spirituality, and if not, then will look for a group which will give them positive support.

The generalizations in this woman's testimonial was, in personal and professional experience, shows a prime

example of the assumptions that some ministers, priests, and facilitators of support groups commonly make. They see homosexuality from a pathological standpoint, are convinced that homosexuality is inherently evil and is against God's plan for humankind. They believe it is their 'Christian' duty to change people who exhibit homosexual behavior to heterosexual. Not only is this a waste of time and money, but it can prove psychologically damaging. Treatment takes many different forms; counseling, psychotherapy, aversion therapy, support groups, exorcism and prayer. The assumptions underlying treatment is that God thinks homosexuality is wrong because this is what the Bible says. Therefore, as long as the person is willing to repent of their homosexuality, God will heal them. In addition, these people think that sexual orientation is a matter of choice, and can be easily changed. Research findings suggest that efforts to change homosexuals are nothing more than a social prejudice garbed in psychological lan-

Perhaps the strongest testimonial of what a negative impact counseling to change one's homosexuality has on a person's life is an autobiography by Mel White, the gay man who did ghostwriting for the likes such as Jerry Falwell and Pat Robinson. Mel was raised as an evangelical, the church which typically encourages ministries as counseling homosexual's to

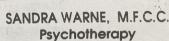
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change their orientation. He discovered he was gay early in his life. The book details the extremes he went through to try to avoid his homosexuality. He tried, very unsuccessfully to be heterosexual by getting married and having children, went through years and years of therapy, shock treatments, depression, despair, suicidal thinking, and promiscuity. It was not until he accepted his homosexuality that he begin to lead a happy life. He is now a

very strong advocate of gay and lesbian rights, and is the Dean of The Cathedral of Hope MCC/ Dallas. Mel's reactions to his homosexuality seems to be a very typical response of a person who has been raised hearing about how God considers homosexuality to be an abomination, and how society considers those who are homosexual as 'perverts' and 'sexual deviants'. A person is apt to hide their sexual orientation from

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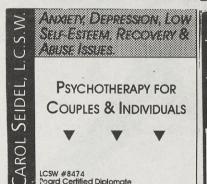
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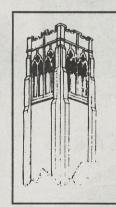
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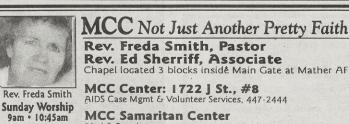
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Why spay and neuter pets?

by Joan B. Guertin MGW/Staff

y readers probably think that I belabor this point too much. However, this time of year it is difficult not to attempt to get people to do the right thing for their pets. Take a trip to any shelter and look in the eyes of lost and abandoned dogs and cats as they wait for their owners or someone to claim them. It is enough to turn the toughest of souls to jelly. Add to this the fact that it is Spring mating season then by the person who got the

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A good number of the

abandoned dogs will already be

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pregnant and now we have more mixed-breed puppies in need of

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pets and not breeding without

adequate knowledge. Dogs and cats are not livestock and they

should not be treated as such. A

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will take back puppies that can't

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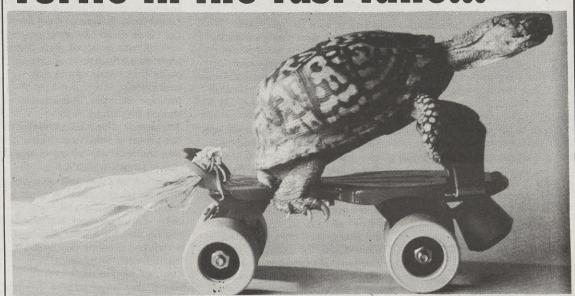
end up in a shelter.

that it is Spring mating season when the numbers escalate among the cat population. It is abhorrent to think that such an affluent, well-educated society as ours harbors such antiquated and ill-informed sentiments regarding the practice of spaying and neutering and allows our pets to roam free to breed indiscriminately.

I've heard all the excuses, (most of them unacceptable).....Our dog is so beautiful and so sweet, we really want to have one litter so we can keep a puppy. Or, FiFi is AKC Registered so we can make lots of money from puppies. Or how about this one in our sexually aware world.....we want the children to witness the miracle of birth! Sure we do, and what happens if the mother has problems and it is a messy birth or she needs a C-section. Unfortunately, puppies seldom elect to come at a decent hour and there are videos available if you really want to educate the kiddies.

A miniature poodle may deliver only one or two puppies and these will probably find a home easily; but how about the popular Labs, Goldens and Rotties? These will deliver up to a dozen puppies and if the owner keeps one, that leaves 11 to find homes for. I guarantee, everyone who loves your dog and claims to want a puppy when you breed, will have a dozen excuses when it comes time to claim theirs. So, you keep puppies, feed them, maybe put some shots in them and pay to run an ad. And then you look at the number of ads in the paper. This morning alone I counted 6 Golden Retriever litters, 24 Labrador, 8 Poodle and 15 Rottweiler litters. All of these puppies WILL NOT BE SOLD! Many of them will be given away, some end up out at the auction, one client found his Rott abandoned in the bed of his pickup when it was 6 weeks old! The majority of these puppies will end up at shelters, if not left there by the original owner,

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one who breeds for a purpose (and believe me, it isn't the money), breeds to better the breed and tests breeding stock wonderful, it is a sad commenfor genetic soundness. They do tary on our society and its lack not sell pet puppies without first of regard for pet animals that it spaying or neutering or on a was even necessary! Show some spay/neuter contract. A good respect for pets, give them a breeder wants to know that long, happy life, make them every puppy will have a home better pets, by spaying and for its lifetime and they care neutering.

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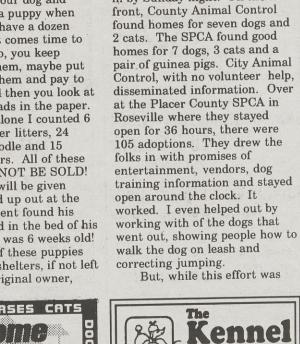
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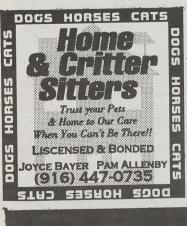
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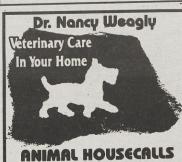


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The A-B-C's of Protease inhibitors and viral load

by Sonya Cox AIDS/HIV Editor

Long-absent optimism among AIDS researchers has recently been stimulated by the emergence of potent new drugs called protease inhibitors, which work together with previously available

potent drugs to reduce viral load. Good news for the first time in a long time, but how do you think through your treatment options? Here are the names of the medications referred to, as well as some very basic definitions, information, and guidelines to assist us as we take beginning steps onto new ground.

(1) protease inhibitors
(anti-retrovirals)
Sequinavir (Invirase)
Indinavir (Crixivan)
Ritonavir (Norvir)
Nelfinavir (Viracept) —
in final stages of testing
(2) 3TC (Epivir, Lamivudine)
(3) AZT (Retrovir/Zidovudine)
DDC (Hivid, zalcitabine)
DDI (Videx, didanosine)
D4T (Zerit, stavudine)

WHAT do protease inhibitors do? For HIV to makes copies of itself inside an infected cell, it depends on several enzymes. Protease is one of these enzymes, and it is required to complete the process of HIV infection of a cell. Simply put, drugs classified as protease inhibitors gum up the scissors/reproduction process and greatly slow the pace at which HIV makes new copies of itself. Many of the HIV copies made are "defective" to the point that they can't go on to infect other cells. If the protease inhibitors can make most of the new HIV virus defective, then the HIV infection cannot spread inside the body as quickly as it now does. It is hoped that fewer new cells thus become infected virus that can replicate itself, and that cells already infected will die before replicating. The result would be

AIDS researchers has recently of potent new drugs called gether with previously available that the person would stay healthier longer because controlling the amount of virus helps the person fight off other

infections for a longer period of

WHAT is combination therapy? AIDS-knowledgeable physicians have pretty much concluded that combination therapy may be the best way to treat HIV disease, but of course there may be exceptions to this "rule" as well. If you're doing extremely well on a particular medication, for example, you and your physician may decide to continue with a solo treatment plan. If combination therapy is decided on, remember that the best combination for one person may not be the best

for another, so don't compare

your treatment plan to anyone

else's. Combination therapy is a term relating to the medications that fight HIV in your body. A "three-drug combination" will be in addition to your acyclovir or other medications taken to prevent or control pneumonia, herpes, fungus infections, and other problems that plague people with a suppressed immune system. It will, for the most part, be a supplement to the AZT you have been taking, perhaps for many years, but you will most likely continue to take far more than three drugs.

The combination therapies can also be combined with one another in different ways, but will ordinarily contain three basic elements (1) a protease inhibitor, (2) 3TC, and (3) AZT (or DDI or DDC if one cannot tolerate AZT). Researchers

continue to re-combine the elements within these groups — for example, they are finding good results with AZT, DDI, and Indinivir, but for the most part "combination therapy" refers to the three basic elements.

Discuss in detail with your physician any new treatment plans that either of you are considering. One physician may feel, for example, that treatment should be started with Saquinavir, the least powerful of the protease inhibitors. This is also the least absorbant of the group - only about 4% is absorbed, so many pills per day must be taken, and they must be taken consistently and regularly. Some research has also shown that high-level resistance is reduced if people are first treated with Saquinavir. Another physician, however, may prefer to initially treat with the most powerful medication you can tolerate, especially since trials have shown Indinivir and Ritonavir to have fewer side effects and good results. Most experts believe that people will eventually be able to take two protease inhibitors at the same time, or one after another. It is still too early to tell what will be the best way to use these drugs. (Note: "Fewer side effects" does not mean there are no side effects — if nausea or other symptoms appear, contact your physician for ideas on suppressing them. Perhaps some relaxation technique can be utilized just prior to taking these meds. Report all reactions to your physician.)

Remember: Making a decision to take protease inhibitors is a big and important one, because it may well be more important to NEVER SKIP ANY PILLS than it is to not choose this therapy at all. Skipping pills, adjusting your dosage on your own, or not

Wanted for possessing and passing fraudulent checks



Michael Carl Sullivan is currently wanted by the Sacramento Police Department for the above crimes. A felony case is also pending with the Sacramento County **Sheriffs Department for** the same crime. Sullivan failed to keep a court appearance on May 8 and a felony warrant for his arrest has been issued. Contact either the Sacramento Police Department at 264-5447 or the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department at 440-5393.

taking the meds at the intervals suggested by your physician can throw your viral load into chaos — once therapy has begun, it must be consistently continued to keep the virus in check.

WHY is combination therapy considered a better method?

method? First, bad intereactions are reduced because the drugs are not all processed through the same organs of your body. Protease inhibitors are processed by the liver, and drugs such as AZT are processed inside nonliver cells and eliminated from the body through the kidneys. Therefore, people taking drugs that are also processed by the liver (such as antibiotics, anti-TB drugs, antihistamines for allergies, antifungals and antidepressants) need to consult with their physician about possible adverse interactions. Secondly, a multiattack strategy has been created. If a protease inhibitor is taken with other anti-HIV drugs such as AZT and 3TC, those drugs might be able to work on the viruses that are resistant to the effects of the protease inhibitor, while the protease inhibitor can attack the viruses that are resistant to the

AZT or 3TC. WHAT is viral load? A lower viral burden (measured in RNA strands per millimeter of blood) delays the development of AIDS diseases and infections. The goal of the three-drug combination therapy is to reduce viral load to under 10,000 copies per millimeter (the preferred place to be). Of course any reduction is a positive response. A person can live and get around quite well with over a million copies of virus in their blood, but they would obviously be in a precarious place should they have to fight off an infection, and their T-cells would most likely be under 50. Viral loads between 10,000 and 200,000 are found in relatively healthy people. A more aggressive treatment plan may be created for a person with 200,000 to 500,000 copies in their body. Many times, the 3combo therapy results in an increase in the number of T-

decrease in viral load.

Reduction in viral load does not mean the virus has been reduced throughout your entire body. Protease inhibitors treat viral load in the blood. Virus may still be present in different quantities in other areas such as lymph nodes. Researchers who developed the protease inhibitors caution that they will never completely clear the virus from an infected person. Suppression, and delaying opportunistic infections to a much later time in the cycle of HIV is the goal, and is likely in many cases. Ultimately, however, researchers believe everyone will develop some kind of resistance, but when and how is a complete unknown at this time. Trials have been conducted for the past two years on the protease inhibitors, and thus far the responses have been significant and the side effects tolerable and not severe enough to warrant stopping treatment.

WHAT is cross-resistance? Since HIV mutates rapidly, the major stumbling block for all AIDS drugs has always been the development of resistance. Taking multiple drugs has given us a new term, cross-resistance. This means HIV can become resistant to two or more drugs at the same time. Researchers originally studying Indinavir found that when HIV became resistant to this drug, it also became resistant to later efforts to fight it with other protease inhibitors. They initially concluded that if you developed resistance to any protease inhibitor, you would also show resistance to all others. This is called cross-resistance. Time is showing, however, that Saquinavir appears to be in one "category," and Indinavir and Ritonavir are together in a second category. Physicians are finding that if a person begins treatment with Sequinavir and develops resistance, they may likely be able to switch to Indinior or Ritonavir. Resistance may eventually develop, but these meds are too new to know when. Trials indicate that we can get at least a few years of added time for many people, and we shall take anything we can

In Loving Memory of friends lost in May

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In Loving Memory of friends lost in April 1996

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As long as
you are remembered,
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Readers are invited to add the names to MGW's remembrance column. Call 648-1120 at least 30 days prior to the anniversary month of your loss. For info about creating a NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Panel, 484-5646. ▼

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FADEWELL

George Ray Peterson

Ray passed away on April 2, 1996, at the age of 64 in Sacramento from an AIDS-related illness. Originally from Fresno, he was a teacher in the North Highlands area for nearly 30 years.

Every holiday season, he and his friends volunteered at Sutter's Alzheimer Center to pass out lap robes and gifts to the residents, and sing carols for them. Ray died at the Hill Haven Hospital alone except for staff. A distant relative resurfaced during the last two weeks of his life and obtained a legal order barring all his friends from visiting him and from attending his burial. The hospital and funeral home honored this restriction, and his

dear friends were not able to pay their respects until after his burial at South Lawn Cemetery on Stockton Boulevard.

"Ray was a wonderful teacher and a lovely, caring person," said his friend Helen, who wanted him remembered as a moving force in our community. "No funeral service was held, and no obituary was written by this distant relative who barely knew Ray, and we want the people whose lives he touched to know that this wonderful person has gone

From among us."

Besides Helen, Ray leaves behind dear friends Bernie, Tom, Richard, and Michael, and a nephew Chuck. He will be missed, and he will be remembered.

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FRONTRUNNERS, McKinley Park 6:30pm, 974-8199. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, Lambda Center, 919 20th St. 6pm, 442-0185

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20 MONDAY

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Nat'l L/G Health Conference & AIDS/HIV Forum, 800/367-1481	July 13-17
Capital AIDS Walk, 733-3792.	September 22
National Coming Out Day, 800/866-6263	October 11
NAMES Project Quilt Dislay, Washington, D.C.	October 11-13
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THURSDAY NIGHT MARKET, K Street Mall. JAZZ JUBILEE, thru May 27, 372-5277. STRAWBERRY SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL, Camp

FRIDAY

SIMON FECK; 8:30-11pm, Dukes Coffee Gallery, 2416 16th St., 444-5563 REING GAY TODAY, Channel 17, 4pm.

1996 ANNUAL IRIS FESTIVAL, thru Jüne 16, 8am-5pm. Roris Gardens. 8195 Bradshaw Rd., 689-7460. GREAT PLAINS REGIONAL RODEO, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 303/832-IGRA, thru May 26. WOMEN IN BUSINESS SEMINAR SERIES, "Sales Techniques - Cold Calling," 1787 Tribute Rd., #A, 7:30

SACRAMENTO JAZZ JUBILEE, throughout the Down

SATURDAY

AKIO KONDO, Bonsai demonstration, Shepard Garden & Arts Ctr., McKinley Park, 3330 McKinley Blvd., 6-9pm, 362-8147

WIGSTOCK, Forst Mason Festival Pavilion, San Francisco 5-11pm, \$20-\$30, 415/273-5979. "JUST AS I AM," Rev. Freda Smith, 2:30am, FOX 40 TV

ALL YOU CAN EAT & DRINK "BEVERAGE & BBQ," FACES, 2000 K St., 6-9pm, all proceeds benefit STOP AIDS PROJECT SACRAMENTO, 448-2437, x240. EAGLES WALKING, Sarti's, Jibborn St., 10am, 991-2420.

FRONTRUNNERS, Guy West Bridge, 9am, 974-8199. BEING GAY TODAY, Channel 17, 10am.

YOUTH SOCIAL, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 8pm, 442-0185. SACRAMENTO JAZZ JUBILEE, throughout the Down

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ONE DAY RIDE, Lick Observatory, Valley Knights, 455-6540.

SUNDAY

JAZZ SUNDAY SERVICE, with New Orleans Style Break-fast. Central United Methodist Church, 8-10am, 5265 H St.,

"EXPRESS YOURSELF THROUGH ART" Art classes for young people infected with or impacted by AIDS, conducted by Dexter Smith, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 12-4pm and 5-9pm, 442-0185, 447-6208.

RIVER CITY BOWLERS, Land Park Bowl, 5850 Freeport Blvd 6pm, 451-8663. ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 11am, 442-0185.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, Lambda Center, 919 20th **DIFFERENT SPOKES** Meet @ McKinley Park, 10am, 962-7434.

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14 MONDAY MCC EAGLES NEST The 12 Steps, 6pm, 1722 J St., #8.

EAGLES support group, 7pm, 991-2420

MEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 5:30pm, 442-0185.

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TUESDAY

ANI DIFRANCO, Crest Theatre, 1013 K St., 8pm, 923-BASS.



Ani DiFranco, "alterna-coustic grrrl," performs at the Crest Theatre, May 28,

CAPITAL CITY SQUARES Dance class, Jefferson El-ementary School, 6:30pm, 929-8697. ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 8pm, 442-0185. 1996 ANNUAL IRIS FESTIVAL, thru June 16, 8am-5pm, Roris Gardens, 8195 Bradshaw Rd., 689-7460.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP, 6:30pm, \$25, 411 Oak St., Roseville, 783-0563.

WEDNESDAY COMMON SENSE DOG TRAINING, Puppy kindergarten, 6:30pm; Beginning Obedience, 6:30pm, Bohemian Park, comer of wright St. & Yellowstone Ave., 485-2201.

WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, Lioness Books, 2224 J St., 7pm, 944-DYKE.

SOLANO-YOLO GAY MEN'S ALLIANCE, Bowling, Fairfield **MIV+ EMOTIONAL SUPPORT GROUP, Buhler Bldg,** 2800 L St., 7:30pm, 446-3734, 386-2504.

20 SOMETHINGS Social/Rap Group, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 7pm, 442-0185.

FRONTRUNNERS, McKinley Park 6:30pm, 974-8199. 1996 ANNUAL IRIS FESTIVAL, thru June 16, 8am-5pm, Roris Gardens, 8195 Bradshaw Rd., 689-7460.

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1996 ANNUAL IRIS FESTIVAL, thru June 16, 8am-5pm Roris Gardens, 8195 Bradshaw Rd., 689-7460. NO. AMERICAN INTL EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRA-PMY, Sierra Carnera Club, Garden & Arts Ctr., 3330 McKinley Blvd., 369-6581.

THURSDAY NIGHT MARKET, K Street Mall.

FRIDAY WOMEN'S CHORUS Rehearsal, new members welcome! 6:30-8:30pm, 424-4411. HOPLAND WOMEN'S FESTIVAL, 707-838-5286, thru June 2.

DRAW PINKY, Cafe Paris, 2326 K St., 9:30pm, 442-2001. SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY, B-17G PLYING FORTRESS, McClellan Air Force Base, thru June 2.

THE ULTRA VIOLETS, Duke's Coffee Gallery, 2416 16th St., 8:30-11pm, 444-5563. YOUTH RAP GROUP, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 6pm,

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THEATER

Asian American Theater Company, Helly (Sex)
Kithy, May 17-19, 7pm, 403 Arguello Blvd., San
Francisco, 415/761-2600.

B Street Theatre, Cloud Tectonics, thru May 12, Why
We Have a Body, June 2-30, Disgruntled Workers, July
14-Aug, 11, An Offering by Moonlight, Sept. 1-29, Below
the Belt, Oct. 13-Nov. 10, 2711 B St., 443-5300.
Broadway Playhouse, Earth, Wind and Fire, Chase
Those Blues Away and All That Jazz, For The Boys, May
31-June 1, 4010 El Camino Ave., 495-680.
Broadway Series, Ain't Misbehavin', May 28-Jun 2.,
Sacramento Light Opera Assoc., Community Center
Theatre, 1301 L St, 264-5181.
Chautauqua Playhouse, Dial M for Murder, thru May
26, 5226 Engle Rd., Carmichael, 489-PLAV.
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4164-1422.

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Detta King Riverboat Theatre, Tune the Grand Up, Old Sacramento, 442-5075.
Foothill Theatre Company, The Art of Dining, May 3-June 2, Nevada Theatre, 401 Broad St., Nevada City, 255-5857.

Garbeau's, Spider's Web, A Portrait of Patsy Cline, May 8-June 2; July 12-Sept. 15; Dracula, Sept. 20-Nov 24; Holidazzie, Nov. 29-Dec. 30. 12401 Folsom Blvd., 985-6361.
The Lambda Players, The Killing of Sister George In rep with The Boys In the Band, May 31-Jul 6, 442-7752. a's Cafe, Sensual Solree, May 31, 1414 16th St.,

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441-1286. Barbetta's Beads & Art, Newworks by Lisa Camhi, thru June 1, 2316 J St., 443-4959.
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Blooming Art, "One-of-a-Kind Adornment for the Home," Liz Berry, Harvey Schulze, Abundo, Cort Kelly, Jessee Morales, Anne Austin, Lee Milhalic; The Mom Show, Mense of Mother, thru June 1, 1901 Capitol November 1, 1901 Capitol November

July 11, 216 O St. 284-7372.

De Young Museum, Faberge in America May 25-July 28; The Enjoyment of African Art: Masks and Sculptures from the Michael R. Helde Collection Nov.-March 1997; Beal Culture and the New America: 1950-1965 Oct. 5-Dec. 29; The Peale Family: Creation of a Legacy, 1770-1870 Jan. 26, 97-April 6, 97; Life and Afteriffe in Ancient Peru: Treasures from the Museo Arqueologico Rafael Larco Herrer May '97-August' 97.

Galeria de la Raza/Studio 24, "Undocumented

Passages," thru June 15; 2867 24th St., San Francisco, 415/826-8009. Qarden Gallery, "Children" by Rosemary Ward, thru June 11, 1615 J St., 444-1844. Matrix Gallery, Anne Bagby, Marle Maretska, Mary Norman, thru May 3; 19th Annual Member's Show, May 8-June 2, reception: June 11, 6-9pm, 1725 I St. 441-4818.

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Michael Himovitz Gallery, Chool Goh, Margaret Woodcock, Eric Wyss, thru May 24; New works by John Stuart Berger, Julian Faulkner, Mick Sheldon, May 29-July5, reception: June 8, 7-9pm, 1020 10th St. 448-8723.

Midtown Framing & Art Gallery, "Along the River" pastels by Relf Erickson, outdoor workshop: June 1-2, 2504 J St., 447-7558.

Quicksilver Mine Co., Artwalk in Sebastopol, first Thurs, every morth, 5:30-8pm; 154 N. Main St., Sebastopol, 707/829-2416.

Ritts Gallery, Patricia Iwahiro-Kemmick, Ema Loann Deans, Pate Munson, Mark Inge Saastad, and Steve Ritts; 6005 Auburn Blvd., #100, 729-8244.

Solomon Dubnick, new paintings by Craig Smith, "Signs of Life," by Sheldon Greenberg first June 1; Introductions '95 July 11-Aug. 3; Rock the Rez: artwork by leading contemporarynative American artists Aug. 8-Sept. 28; Textiles by D.R. Wagner Oct. 3-Nov. 2; Paintings by Robert Else, Sculpture by Jorjana Holden Nov. 7-Dec. 7; 2131 Norlincp, 920-4547.

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Shenandoah Vineyards, Carol Attoe - Ceramic Wall Hanging, Rock Art, Robert Davis Montgomery - Acrylic Latex on Canvas/Collage & Watercolons, thru June 3, 12300 Steiner Rd, Plymouth, 209/245-4455.
Thomas & Oldham Gallery, "Go Fish," thru June 1, 1729 L St., 444-9824.

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NEWSCLIPS

Gay-bias suit is thrown out

In 1994, respiratory therapist Stephan Pardi filed a discrimination lawsuit against Roseville Hospital, claiming he had been denied employment opportunities because he is gay.

Pardi, who was an employee of The Registry Network, a medical employment service contracted to provide temporary help to hospitals, said he worked more than 40 shifts over a sixmonth period in 1989-90 when, without explanation, the hospital refused to have him work there.

Pardi said he learned that the facility had filed two incident reports against him alleging that he bypassed a nurse and went directly to a physician when he had concerns about a patient's condition.

Pardi's lawsuit was dismissed in January by Sacramento Superior Court Judge John Lewis, who also ruled against Pardi in a series of subsequent motions in February, March and April.

The judge said Pardi had been unable to prove that the hospital, terminated him based on his sexual preference and that the facility was within its bounds not to employ him based on the incident reports.

Pardi said he will appeal.

—The Sacramento Bee

Ban on gay student clubs approved

Utah's Legislation voted to ban gay student clubs in high schools April 18 to curb homosexuals from "recruiting" others into "a lifestyle that can kill them."

The bill, which cleared the Senate 21-7 and the House 47-21, is the only one of its kind in the nation to win passage, said Jensie Anderson of the Utah chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Republican Governor Mike Leavitt is expected to sign it.

The issue of gay clubs in Utah high schools erupted last year when students at East High School in Salt Lake City formed a Gay-Straight Alliance. The Salt Lake School Board reacted by banning all school sponsored extracurricular organizations, such as the chess and Latin clubs, believing it had no choice under a 1984 federal law tha prevents schools from discriminating against clubs because of the beliefs they espouse.

Supporters of the new bill believe it skirts those prohibitions

- The Sacramento Bee

Pittsburgh prepares for Steel Party '96

The David L. Lawrence
Convention Center will experience a meltdown as the City
hosts its first circuit party —
Steel Party Pittsburgh — to
benefit Presad Center Inc., a
Pittsburgh counseling center for
g/l/b/t individuals and people
with HIV/AIDS. The convention
center will become a sizzling
dance party on Saturday,
September 28 from 10pm-6am.

The Steel Party committe promises a fundraising event unmatched in Pittsburgh's history. Featuring national circuit party deejays, the Steel Party committee hopes to reveal special guest stars and other surprises in the upcoming months.

Info: 412/441-9786.▼

National AIDS monument one step closer

Congresswoman Nancy
Pelosi (D-CA) introduced
legislation March 28 to designate San Francisco's The AIDS
Memorial Grove (AMG), a
national monument. the AMG, a
15-acre wooded basin located in
San Francisco's Golden Gate
Park, is the nation's first living
memorial to the hundreds of
thousands of Americans who
have died of AIDS, as well as a
retreat for those living with
HIV, and their loved ones.

"The AIDS Memorial Grove is a center for remembrance, hope and renewal for people throughout the nation," said Pelosi. "This legislation recognizes the significance of the

THE CH@SEN FAMILY



Grove for those whose lives have been affected by HIV or AIDS. I commend all of the members of the Grove Board, the staff and the volunteers who have worked so hard to mak the AMG a success."

The AMG is governed by a board of directors and administered by a full-time staff. The Grove is a project of the Tides Center, a nonprofit corporation dedicated to social justice and stewardship of the natural environment.

GLAMA nominations for G/L Music Awards

The Gay Lesbian American Music Awards will be holding informational meetings to discuss the upcoming National awards in October 1996, in New York city. Recordings by self-identified gay, lesbian, bisexual artists released between June '95 and June '96 are eligible for consideration. For information call 800.956.5265 or 212.595.4455 or email at GLAMAS@aol.com.▼

Clinton & same sex marriages

Mike McCurry, press secretary for President Clinton, said 'He believes this is a time when we need to do things to strengthen the American Family, and that is the reason he is taking this position". The bill would restrict marriage to male-female couples only, and Clinton has been openly opposed to same sex marriages since 1992.▼

Tammy Faye and Jim Bullock

Praise the Lord and pass the mascara......, Fox recently ran a syndicated TV talk show featuring the former PTL Queen Tammy Faye Baker and the openly gay artist and game show whore Jim Bullock. Bullocks comment about Tammy was "I feel like I know Tammy Faye because I am a Christian" and he adds "Tammy is my Mother."

Reform Party conference

The Reform Party of California is gearing up for their first annual conference to held in Los Angeles at the convention center on June 1st & 2nd. Diversity and Inclusion are the main themes for the conference and will feature speakers including Dominic Cortesse (San Jose) and Former Assembly Speaker Brian Setenich (Fresno). The Key Note speaker will be former three term Colorado Governor Richard Lamm. For information call 310.726.9422.

Damron mates with Columbia

Damron company has announced plans to mate with Columbia Fun Maps to remake the Damron Road Atlas for its fifth edition. Columbia, whose fun maps can be found across America, have brought their expertise to redesigning over 100 full color maps that highlight gay districts as well as tourist sites.

Family sues newspaper for suicide

The family of a man who committed suicide, after an expose printed in the San Antonio Express-News, is suing the paper and its parent company the Hearst Corporation. The man was one of 100's arrested in the cites parks during a police crack down, and was charged with indecent exposure. The paper only reported the names of those arrested for indecent exposure and public lewdness, but did not publish the names of any others arrested on other charges.

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The War of The Pansies-Gay Divorcés

Palm Beach is no stranger to sensation, and this is one of those sensations that make our country great. The first recorded Gay Divorce case is being held in Palm Beach. John Eberhardt, 73, owner of Fire Islands Belevdere Hotel is being sued by his ex-lover of 13 years Craig Eberhardt 38. Craig wants John to sell his life time home and split the proceeds of the sale as well as half of the income from the hotel. John legally adopted Craig after they had meet and he had hired him as his houseboy.

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SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Conversion ministries on the rise

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their relatives, friends, and sometimes even from themselves. They strive to find a quick fix to the emotional pain and conflict they are in. It is this attitude that these groups appeal too, with their false promise of everything being all better once you repent of your homosexuality. Besides the promise of 'quick fix', gaining acceptance and support of the group has alot of appeal to a person who believes they need this type of acceptance and support.

There are general characteristics that groups such as these have. They often use manipulation, fear, and deception to maintain a hold on members. They often shower the members with unbelievable amounts of affection and

approval for staying in the group and meeting their expectations, which is called love-bombing. Groups also control and distort information from the outside. Thus it becomes a sin to read any 'worldly' publications or 'spiritual pornography'. These groups make an extremely sharp distinction between right and wrong, good and evil; everything in the group is positive, godly, and everything outside is negative, satanic. Ambiguity, doubts, and serious questions are not tolerated. The authority of the group's leadership is virtually absolute. All problems are oversimplified and deflected either away from the group or back towards the individual. Trying to change a person's God given sexuality is not only very unethical, since

the counselor relies on their own agenda rather than the client's, it can become deadly. For example; the National Institute of Health reports that 'about 30% of youth suicides are by gay and lesbian people who recognize that they are homosexual and realize that they cannot change their sexual orientation'. There are professional organizations that have spoken out against the practice of categorizing homosexuality as moral depravity or mental illness.

The American Psychological Association released a statement on homosexuality in July 1994. "The research on homosexuality is very clear. Homosexuality is neither mental illness nor moral depravity. It is simply the way a minority of our population

expresses human love and sexuality. Study after study documents the mental health of gay men and lesbians. Studies of judgment, stability, reliability, social and vocational adaptiveness all show that gay men and lesbians function every bit as well as heterosexuals. In August of 1994, the American Psychological Association sent a proposal to one of its committees that would declare as unethical: attempts by a psychologist to change a person's sexual orientation through therapy, referral of a patient to a therapist or organization who attempts to change people's sexual orientation". The American Medical Association released a report in December 1994 which calls for "nonjudgmental recognition of sexual orientation by physicians.

Finally, the American Psychiatric Association took homosexuality off of its list of mental illnesses many decades ago.

It is hope that through this expose clergy and pastoral counselors will become aware of the influence that these ex-gay/ lesbian ministries have upon the spiritual and psychological lives of gays and lesbians. If any of you reading this article are struggling with spiritual issues regarding your homosexuality there are many organizations that you can turn to for help. Most mainstream churches have gay and lesbian ministries that celebrate homosexuality as God's gift, and are advocating for equal rights for gays and lesbians.



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Husky GWM, 44,6',240 lbs., dark brown hair and eyes wishes to meet other Sacramento GWMs for intimate erotic close encounters weeknites/weekends, no drugs, HIV-, husky and blessed a positive. My place or yours! (6/14)

HOT LATIN BOTTOM

Latin bottom, 32, 6' seeks healthy, masculine top, well endowed, romantic, tall, athletic, 22-40 yrs. only. Mysterious encounters, cowboys and indians, any race, muscular, loving. I'm submissive, fair skin, for productive relationship. Foreigners welcome. (6/14) **©1395**

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FIT BUT NOT FANATIC!

Handsome contractor with a kind heart and soul, 6'2", 195, blnd/blue, 44. Very passionate, loving, caring, romantic, gregarious, honest and fun! Looking for similar qualities in a real man! Come ... my lights out ... I have spare bulbs! HIV-UB2. (5/31)

YOU AND ME

22, way handsome designer. Boyishly-masculine, really wants boyfriend with same traits. 6'1", 165, WM, healthy. Drink Diet Pepsi. Boy kisses boy affectionately. Live your life, be free. No goober-types. Just one guy who will fall for me again and again. (5/31)

"A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC"

I'm looking for romance. Tired of being gay in Tahoe. Me: good looking, 6'3", blue eyes, brn. hair, 175, 40, Lawrence of Arabia. You: Omar Sharif (dark and sexy), let's cross the desert! Mutual visits — Tahoe or Sac. (5/31)

HANDSOME ROSEVILLE TEDDY BEAR!

GM, 40's, 5'11", 220#, br/bl, beard seeks masculine cub/playmate. Enjoy outdoors, 4x4's, biking, swimming, walking and company of other GWM. You be employed, stable, masculine, sincere, versatile — I am! let's explore the area together this spring — possible LTR. (5/31)

THE ONE

Athletic, GHM, 27, 5'7", 155#, dark hair/eyes. Playful yet serious. Professional. Enjoy the outdoors, running, hiking, day trips, movies, cuddling. Totally non-scene seeking same in G/H/W/M 25-30 who's athletic, enjoys sports, open, caring and romantic. LA/NS/ND. (5/31)

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STUDENT NEEDS TEACHER

GWM, 31, 6', 165#, Blond with blue eyes WLTM GWM 25-35 who would like to help a new student to the gay scene enjoy all the new experiences together, and building a new relationship or friendship. (5/31)

HAVE CHAIN COLLAR

Need leatherboy to lock it on. Must be gym-toned and into weightlifting. Bonus points for furry body and extra horniness. (5/31)

ATTENTION ROPERS!

GWM 5'11", 170# in shape, 50's, BR/BL, HIV- WLTM guy to show him the ropes. SM within limits a turn on Broad range of interests. Seeking hot times. Friendship a plust (5/31)

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EMPLOYED STUDENT/ ARTIST

Interests: philosophy (epistemology), feminism (gender construction), art, history, Rachmoniroff's 2nd Piano Concerto, Star Trek (Picard), Aliens 2 (Ripley), children, laughing, singing, fitness, GWF, 39, 5'8", 140, favorite question, "Why?" (6/30)

SINCERE & SENSUAL

SWF WLTM sincere & sensual woman for friendship possibly more. I am young and wise at 45. Like outdoors, exercise, health and good food. UB 30-45, no drugs, no bis, real, honest, secure only please. (6/30)

HONEST & SINCERE

SGWF, 46, professional, educated, vegetarian, not political. Honest, sincere, spiritual, quiet but fun loving with wacky sense of humor. Loves animals, especially cats, Mozart, two-stepping, theater, nature, meaningful conversation, travel, etc. Open to new experiences. Age not important. Sincerity, humor, healthy lifestyle very important. Friendship first, maybe more. NS/LA. (6/30) **©1416**

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FRIENDS FIRST

SGWF, 5'7", 45, self-employed loves ocean, camping, country dancing and romantic evenings. You are SGWF, feminine, 40-55, honest, open-minded and loving. NBi, ND, smoking OK. Kids a plus! (5/31)

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LOOKING FOR FUN!

Married couple looking to have fun with bi female or couple with bi female. Must be clean, discreet, mid 30's to early 40's, enjoy a good time, watching movies or playing. We are: male, 42 and female, 35, into safe sex. (5/31)

HONESTLY INTROSPECTIVE, COMPASSIONATE

SWF seeks similar-minded someone for loving, equal monogamous partnership, friendship first, to share deep feelings, laughs, playfulness, cuddles and sensuality. Qualities more important than gender. Interest in the arts, movies a plus. I'm 37, attractive, health-conscious, Foothills resident. (5/31)

JUST FRIENDS

SAFETY IN NUMBERS

Are you shy and fear rejection? Single woman seeks other single women to form social group. Let's do dinners, movies, daytrips ... whatever, together! (6/30)

WANT A FRIEND?

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LESBIANS SEEKING LESBIANS

ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

SGWF in search of an educated, fun loving, serious minded, caring, sociable feminine, ND, DF, attractive SGWF monogamous, permanent relationship. (6/30)

IF CYBILL WOULD

GF, graduate student, attractive 40's, trim, 5'4", feminie womanly woman, academic interests, other cultures, enjoys adventure, richness of life, affection, honesty, maturity, laughing too. Seeks similar. NS, ND, LA. (6/30)

SEEKING DAVIS DYKES

talk! (6/14)

Late 40's, grad stud, spiritual and academic interests, process-oriented, analytical, spatial, not linear, fairly PC, not purist, with aiding affection for my moderately hippy youth. Tastes: classical to country, (heart music still folk), Sayles to Tarentino, Allende and Irving to Herbert and LeGuin, theatre, dance, hiking, camping, cats, dogs, NPR, PBS, Star Trek. Research: gender and infant development. Busy, but looking for soulmates for friendship, possible LTR. (5/31) ©1388

PASSIONATE AS FRUIT

Handsome, black, WLTM feminine lady

who's mature, humorous and honest. I

like many things including movies,

computers, travel, music, and good conversation. I'm 36, Virgo, 5'6", very

confident and most of all very real! Let's

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